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REMARKS

In the first Office Action mailed on October 18, 2004, the Examiner has objected to claims 3 and 19 as having minor informalities. Claims 1-5, 9-15 and 19-24 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the combination of Brueske et al. and Hughes. Claims 6-8, 16-18 and 25-27 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations from the base claim and intervening claims. Applicants note with appreciation the indication of this allowable subject matter in the objected claims and offer the following remarks.

In response to the Examiner's objections to claims 3 and 19-22, the informal issues noted by the Examiner have now been amended to correct redundancies with the acronym AGC and the term "control." Moreover, in response to the Examiner's obviousness rejections under § 103(a) for the Brueske et al. (US 6,670,901) and Hughes (US 2003/0207674) references:

The Brueske patent and Hughes publication were commonly owned and subject to an obligation of assignment to Motorola, Inc. at the time the invention was made.

Accordingly, the rejections based upon 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e)/103(a) should now be moot. Since this application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions that would expedite the allowance of this application, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein. No amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

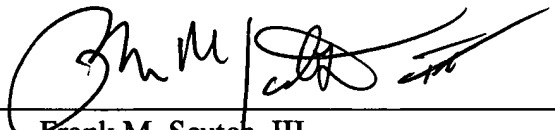
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Please charge any additional fees associated with this amendment and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0223. A duplicate original of this sheet is enclosed.

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